

House Amendment 1292

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1 1 Amend House File 234 as follows:
1 2 #1. By striking everything after the enacting
1 3 clause and inserting the following:
1 4 <Sec. _____. MENTAL HEALTH CONDITIONS == VETERANS.
1 5 1. The division of mental health and disability
1 6 services of the department of human services and the
1 7 division of behavioral health of the department of
1 8 public health shall coordinate with the Iowa
1 9 department of veterans affairs to maximize access to
1 10 mental health and substance abuse treatment for
1 11 veterans.
1 12 2. The department of veterans affairs shall expand
1 13 the veterans counseling program implemented in
1 14 accordance with section 35.12 to include all of the
1 15 following:
1 16 a. Provision of mental health and substance abuse
1 17 treatment services specially designed to meet the
1 18 needs of veterans of the conflicts in Iraq and
1 19 Afghanistan.
1 20 b. A contract with the department of human
1 21 services for services under the veterans counseling
1 22 program to be provided at each of the four state
1 23 mental health institutes.
1 24 c. Incorporation of financial or service need
1 25 eligibility provisions to target veterans with the
1 26 most significant unmet needs while remaining within
1 27 the funding available.
1 28 d. Coordination of benefits provided under the
1 29 counseling program with those provided to veterans
1 30 through the Equality in Health Care Coverage and
1 31 Veterans Wellness Act enacted by this Act.
1 32 3. a. Notwithstanding section 35D.18, the balance
1 33 of the Iowa veterans home annual appropriations or
1 34 revenues in excess of \$1,000,000 that remains
1 35 unencumbered or unobligated at the close of the fiscal
1 36 year beginning July 1, 2008, shall be transferred to a
1 37 veterans home account which shall be created in the
1 38 veterans trust fund.
1 39 b. There is appropriated from the veterans home
1 40 account in the veterans trust fund to the department
1 41 of veterans affairs for the fiscal year beginning July
1 42 1, 2009, and ending June 30, 2010, \$1,000,000, to be
1 43 used for expansion of the veterans counseling program
1 44 in accordance with this section.
1 45 4. This section of this Act, being deemed of
1 46 immediate importance, takes effect upon enactment.>
1 47 #2. Title page, by striking lines 1 through 3 and
1 48 inserting the following: <An Act relating to veterans
1 49 services, providing an appropriation, and providing an
1 50 effective date>.
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